

Butte Department

JAMES KELLY'S DEED

In a Jealous Rage He Attempts to Commit Double Murder.

HE TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

But a Bad Aim Spares That of Miss Jessie Hill, the Woman He Loved to a Fatal Degree.

In a fit of jealous rage James Kelly, a well-known miner, yesterday sent a bullet into Jessie Hill's head, because she would not marry him, and then blew out his own brains. The bullet that entered Miss Hill's head missed a vital spot by a very narrow margin, and while she is dangerously wounded, the wound is not necessarily fatal and her recovery is hoped for.

The tragedy occurred a little before noon at the lodging house over the Red Boot store on Main street, in room 10, which was occupied by Miss Hill and Miss Ida Davis. Up to about a week ago they conducted a restaurant on Granite street and Kelly, who was infatuated with Miss Hill, boarded with them. He roomed over the restaurant and was unremitting in his attentions to Miss Hill and frequently asked her to marry him, but was always put off with an evasive answer. Just before the restaurant was sold he again asked her to take the name of Kelly and insisted on an acceptance of his proposal, but was given the same old unsatisfactory answer which he had become familiar. This so angered him that he threatened to kill the object of his affections and then kill himself, and it was thought that he would have attempted to carry out his threat had not Miss Davis cooled him off by throwing a bucket of water on him.

After selling out their restaurant the young ladies secured a room over the Red Boot. Miss Davis went to Pipestone Springs on Monday and returned about 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon. On entering the room she found Kelly sitting in a rocking chair, while Miss Hill was curling her hair in front of a mirror in a very unconcerned manner. Kelly greeted her with a smile and appeared to be in his usual spirits, and neither he nor Miss Hill gave any evidence of there having been a quarrel between them. Miss Davis stopped with them for a few minutes and then left them and went to the postoffice to mail a letter.

When she returned, probably half an hour later, an appalling sight met her eye. Kelly was lying dead in a big pool of blood on the floor of the room and Miss Hill was in an adjoining room with a bullet in the right side of her head. A few minutes after Miss Davis left the room two shots were heard close together, followed by a scream, and the next instant Miss Hill rushed out into the hall with blood streaming from a wound in her head. She was in a hysterical condition and was unable to give any particulars regarding the shooting. Kelly's body was found lying on the floor and in the middle of the room, with the head resting on the foot rest of a small table. Blood was pouring from a bullet hole just in front of the right ear, and near the right hand and close to the body was the revolver with which the deed was done. It was a cheap 38-caliber gun with two exploded cartridges. Kelly shot the woman from behind and then, supposing that he inflicted a fatal wound, he turned the weapon on himself with a better aim.

Coroner Richards removed Kelly's body to the Butte undertaking rooms and Miss Hill was taken to Murray & Freund's hospital. It was found that the bullet entered the right side of her head on a level with the ear and an inch and a half back of it. It passed forward and through the canal of the ear and lodged against the cheek bone, which was fractured. The bullet was extracted and was found to have been flattened diagonally across the end by striking the cheek bone. The bullet passed very close to the carotid artery and the nerves. The injury is a very dangerous one, but the doctors say that it is not necessarily fatal. Miss Hill could give no further particulars as to how she was shot further than to say that it was not an accident. She was able to talk when a Standard reporter visited the hospital last evening, but she had given strict orders not to admit any one to her room, except two or three lady friends.

Kelly was about 32 years old and had lived in Butte for several years and was well known. He had a very clerical appearance and is said to have been educated for the priesthood. He was employed at the Anaconda company properties, but quit work about a week ago. He retained his room over the restaurant on Hamilton street, but had not occupied it for three nights. From papers found in his trunk, which was removed to the coroner's office, it was found that he was a member of the Miners' union and Enterprise lodge No. 2, A. O. U. W., of Park City, Utah. His card in the latter showed that his dues were paid up to Oct. 2. A letter addressed to his mother was found and it was also learned that he had been married and had a daughter named Kitty, who lives at Braidwood, Ill. A letter was found from the latter in which she expressed the hope that he would marry a good woman and that she could make her home with them. From this it is supposed that Kelly had written her that he expected to be married soon. Kelly left a document stating that in the event of his death, all of his effects and insurance should go to his daughter. Hundreds of miners who have known Kelly viewed his body yesterday afternoon and last evening.

Miss Hill is 22 years old and quite attractive. She came to Butte about a year and a half ago and worked for a time in the Butte hotel dining room. She attracted considerable attention while there and her actions were such as to cause considerable doubt as to whether she was a green country girl or a woman thoroughly familiar with the ways of the world. She afterwards went to Dugan's boarding house in Dublin gulch, where she worked for seven or eight months, and it was there that Kelly became acquainted and infatuated with her at the same time. He spent money on her freely and is said to have spent altogether about \$1,500. Among other presents he gave her a bicycle a few months ago. It is expected that some rather sensational testimony will be given at the inquest this evening. Miss Davis admitted to Chief Tebo that Hill was not her companion's real name and that she was a married woman. She also admitted that Kelly had been very intimate with her and it is expected

intention of marrying him, but was merely encouraging him in his attentions so that he would spend money on her. The authorities are looking up the woman's record as thoroughly as possible.

Coroner Richards received a dispatch late last evening from the relatives of James Kelly, requesting that the remains be shipped east, provided that he left an estate sufficient to cover the expense, otherwise to give them a respectable burial in Butte.

THE OTHER SUICIDE.
Inquiring into the Cause of the Death of Charles DeMar.

The coroner's inquest on the body of Charles DeMar, Wednesday's suicide, was commenced last evening, but could not be concluded on account of the great rush of people to view the remains of James Kelly and the subject of the inquest.

Len Reed, head waiter at the Casino theater, testified to having heard the quarrel between DeMar and his wife on Wednesday morning. DeMar came to the theater about 3 o'clock in the morning and the witness saw him last at 7 o'clock. Some violent language passed between DeMar and his wife, but he did not know what the cause of the trouble was.

J. B. Brown swore that he saw DeMar and his wife in a box and heard some loud talking. He afterwards saw them together in the Horse Shoe and there was a good deal of jealous play by both of them. There was some strong language used and he thought the trouble was probably due to Mrs. DeMar having sat on a man's lap. DeMar went up and down stairs several times and tried to get his wife to go home with him, but she positively refused to do so.

Mrs. DeMar or Bessie Cronin as she is better known testified substantially as follows: "We had a lovers' quarrel on Wednesday morning, but it did not amount to anything. Charley was drunk and I scolded him for it. I had also been drinking. The whole trouble was on account of his drinking and my scolding him for it. He once told me that his mother was the only friend he ever had. I asked him if I was not his friend and he said yes, but that his mother was his best friend. I did not go home with him on Wednesday morning, but spent the day with a friend. I returned to the house at 5:30 o'clock in the evening and Mrs. Ingerson told me that Charley had committed suicide."

At this juncture the rush of people to view the bodies in the back room became so great that the inquest had to be adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon, and new subpoenas were issued for Mrs. DeMar and J. B. Brown.

THE UNDERWRITERS.
Meeting of the Executive Board of Montana to Discuss Matters.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Montana board of underwriters was held yesterday at Manager Gilbert's office. Those present were E. M. Gardner of Bozeman, Phil Gibson of Great Falls, F. C. Stoddard of Missoula, R. A. Luke of Helena, J. T. O'Brien of Anaconda and A. T. Morgan of Butte. Various routine matters which were of interest only to members of the association were disposed of but no business of a public nature was transacted. Insurance rates were discussed in a general way, but no changes were recommended at any point.

HOTEL REGISTER.

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ON THE TRACK.

At Morris Park.
New York, Oct. 29.—Morris Park: Seven furlongs—Rolando won, Grazia second, Runaway third; time, 1:29. Five furlongs—Billie won, Maud Adams second, Iroquois third; time, 1:13. Silver Brooke, five and a half furlongs—Tragedian won, Celophis second, Nana H. third; time, 1:06. Woodburn, seven furlongs—Louis N. won, June second, Amanda third; time, 1:30. Mile—Cosette won, Ramiro second, Tom Cromwell third; time, 1:43. Mile and a furlong—The Swain won, Glenmoyn second, Ben Eder third; time, 1:47.

At Ingleside.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—Weather cloudy at Ingleside to-day, track slow. Seven furlongs—Eucno won, Bee Murphy second, Elmer S. third; time, 1:30. Six and a half furlongs—Redding won, St. August second, Torsina third; time, 1:24. Five furlongs, 2-year-olds—Midnight won, Fleur d'Is second, Howard third; time, 1:09. Mile—Little Cripple won, Favor second, Hermant third; time, 1:45. Six furlongs—Alvarado won, Daylight second, Montgomery third; time, 1:37.

At Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Oct. 29.—One mile—Lucetta won, Billon second, Parson third; time, 1:40. One mile—Lucy Lee won, Larry Elie second, Lismore third; time, 1:43. Six furlongs—Ben Brown won, Tabica second, Tillot third; time, 1:19. Mile and a quarter—Argentina won, Booz second, Ida Pickwick third; time, 2:02. Five furlongs—Time Maker won, Snydam second, Madrilene third; time, 1:32.

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One Killed, Two Wounded.

Bakersfield, Cal., Oct. 29.—The sheriff's office has received information from Randsburg, the desert mining camp, that a shooting affair had taken place there last night in which one man was killed and two men wounded, one fatally. The trouble is said to have originated over a town lot location in Randsburg. The wounded men are being brought to Mojave and will reach here at 9 o'clock to-night.

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FLAGDAY TO-MORROW

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Voters Should See to It That Their Names Are Properly Posted, and If They Are Not Have Them Corrected—Politically.

To-morrow is flag day, and it is hoped that every friend of Bryan and free silver in the city of Butte will decorate his place of business and residence, no matter how humble the decorations. The proclamation is issued by Chairman Jones of the national committee. Butte ought to be alive with flags and bunting to-morrow in honor of the man who, during the past four months, has fought the greatest political battle in all history. Citizens should begin decorating this evening, so that the city will be ablaze with color to-morrow morning. Local politics can be laid aside long enough to permit a general decorating in honor of Bryan.

To-day the registry offices will be open again, but they will be open solely for correction and revision and for receiving challenges. No new names will be received. Every voter should look at the printed lists which are posted in his precinct and ascertain if his name appears on them correctly. If the name is not correct the voter should go to the registry office and have the name corrected. This will avoid the possibility of losing the vote on election day through clerical error.

While there are two contradictory sections in the codes respecting the day on which votes may be challenged, attention is called to the fact that yesterday's Standard, it is stated by local lawyers that only one of them is in force now. By a recent decision of the supreme court, section 1214 was repealed by the passage of section 1231, and consequently all challenges will be received to-day. The A. P. As. have bundles of challenges, all of them based on frivolous pretenses, their aim being to embarrass the voters so that many of them will give up the matter rather than take the trouble of getting witnesses and swearing in votes. They are going on the theory that none but A. P. As. should have the right of franchise, and they are going to shut out as many voters as they can.

A joint meeting of the democratic and populist judges of election is called for 7:30 o'clock this evening at the parties' headquarters. The purpose of the meeting is to talk over the matter of ballots and agreeing on a uniform method of counting, so that ballots may not be counted in one precinct and similar ballots thrown out in another precinct. After the judges of election have agreed on what forms of ballots will be counted, it will be easy to instruct voters how to vote in order to insure that their ballots shall be counted.

FOREIGN PERSONALS.

At a recent meeting of the vestry of St. George's, Southwark, London, Miss A. Elliot of Lancashire was appointed sanitary inspector to the vestry by 22 votes to 15. There were 22 candidates and she was the only woman.

The death is announced at Ockbrook, Derby, England, of Mr. John Warwick, for over 25 years telegraph superintendent of the Midland railway, and the inventor and patentee of the block system used on all the principal railways. He retired from the Midland company's service in 1879.

Sarah Bernhardt enthusiastically patronized the popular Spanish sport of bull fighting. It is announced from San Sebastian, that having been present at a bull fight, she was so enchanted with the treading, Brindola, who killed five toros, that she presented him with a valuable pin ornamented with brilliants.

The queen of Italy has become a convert to cycling, with the view of reducing her superabundant embonpoint, which even her annual bouts of Alpine climbing are unable to effect. She has had a rather turbulent experience in the way of learning, for her size and weight rendered it exceedingly difficult for her instructor to maintain the balance of the bicycle when a crisis occurred.

Harry Lander tells in a recent magazine story of a "Failure Club," from which every member was ejected when he succeeded in life. It is interesting to remember that there was once a real Failure club in Paris, and that every member of it subsequently succeeded. The name of the society was "Club des Auteurs Siffles," and the members of it used to dine together at a restaurant once a week and discuss the advisability of retiring from literature and devoting their energies to commercial enterprise. Instead, those members were Edmond de Goncourt, Gustave Flaubert, Tourgenieff, Alphonse Daudet and Emile Zola.

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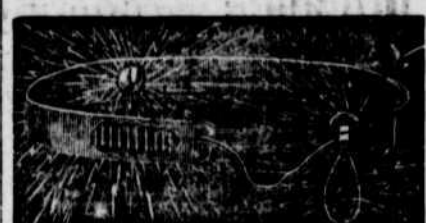
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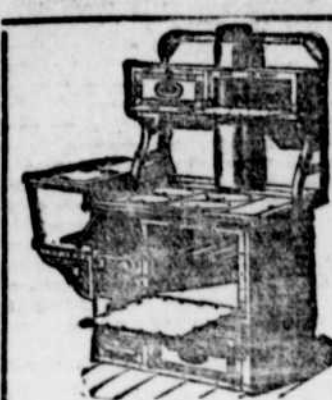
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